

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

June 15, 2015

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Jeremiah Upp (County Engineer); Bob Clark (Economic Development); Ann Probasco (FACFC); Loudan Klein (RPC Staff); Greg Butcher (Violet Township); Conner Doward (Violet Township); Greg Eyerman (Fairfield County VCB); Steve Gayfield (Lancaster City Parks)

1. Approval of the May 18, 2015 meeting notes.

Kent Huston noted a correction from last meetings notes to correct Chief Dan Bailey to Chief Dave Bailey.

Peggy Portier also made correction with regards to the bike helmet law and the age requirement is 16 and under rather than 18.

Mr. Huston made motion to approve notes with corrections. Ms. Portier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss shared with the committee an article that reviews a number of factors that will either increase or decrease your home's value. Those that will raise value he added include accessibility to transportation, community amenities, proximity to shopping and services, reputation and distance of schools, and noise levels of nearby businesses.

Mr. Weiss then informed the committee about Central Ohio Greenways newly formed board, which will meet and discuss bike-ped related topics formally.

3. Review of Proposed Developments: Heron Crossing Preliminary Plan

Loudan Klein reviewed with the committee the Heron Crossing Preliminary Plan. He detailed the various comments that dealt specifically with transportation which included; 5 foot sidewalks, maintenance and location of the recreation path, and acquiring an easement for MUP across the Allert Property. Mr. Klein then opened it up for discussion of those comments and any additional ones the committee had.

Mr. Portier explained to the committee that a number of Pickerington residents are displeased with this subdivision and feel that the density is too high.

Mr. Weiss added that the standards are now to make the housing and lots more compact, and make the green space larger and shared.

Mr. Huston made a motion to approve RPC staff recommendations regarding active transportation. Jeremiah Upp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Discussion on MORPC Sidewalk Inventory Project

Ms. Mattei reviewed the sidewalk inventory survey distributed by MORPC. She then presented a MORPC presentation on the Sidewalk Inventory Project which supports their transportation plan and reviewed what they have in their inventory so far for Fairfield County. She informed each representative of their entity to provide feedback on what data they collect and don't collect, and how useful it is or would be. She concluded by saying she will inform MORPC that she will work with the representatives and get MORPC the surveys as soon as possible.

Greg Butcher posed the question that once we collect this sidewalk inventory, what is the next step?

Ms. Mattei answered that it can be utilized to support grant applications, planning activities, and where to make future connections.

Mr. Butcher asked if he was supposed to review the sidewalk inventory.

Ms. Mattei responded that MORPC feels what they have collected is accurate. She added that what they want is simply the information about what each entity collects.

5. Review of MTP Process-Selecting Candidate Projects

Ms. Mattei and Mr. Klein reviewed with the Committee the new interactive map put forth by MORPC. They discussed how to draw a new candidate project and also how to comment on a project that has already been proposed.

Mr. Weiss encouraged that RPC staff add the Refugee Road MUP project and inform the committee when that is completed so everyone can provide comments.

Ms. Mattei replied that once she gets conformation the project is up she'll contact the committee.

Ms. Portier asked how long this program would be up.

Ms. Mattei answered that the candidate selection window ends in September so she would assume a couple months.

Ms. Portier suggested a project that would provide access to get from the south side to the north side of 70.

Mr. Weiss added that ODOT is planning to overhaul that interchange, and possibly at that time we could comment on what aspects of that project could include active transportation.

Ms. Mattei suggested that everyone bring any additional project ideas to the next ATC meeting in July.

Bob Clark asked Ms. Mattei if this program will weed projects out.

Ms. Mattei answered yes; MORPC has to be fiscally balanced so they will be selective.

6. Other Business

Greg Eyerman informed the Committee about new marketing programs for tourism to get people around Buckeye Lake and expose a number of the businesses around the area.

Mr. Weiss names next meeting, July 20, 2015.

Ms. Portier made motion to adjourn. Mr. Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried.